

I support media diversity

I am writing concerning Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity, and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the public interest will best be served by the FCC preserving our current media ownership rules that are now in question in this proceeding.

We, as a free nation, are receiving less and less diversity in our news and opinions from all areas of our media, as these institutions have become more deregulated and consolidated under the control of special interests or corporations. Therefore, it has become more and more difficult to get to the truth behind many issues that are important for us to be fully aware of in order to continue as a democracy. It is mainly for these reasons that I do not believe the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity, as well as maintaining our given rights to a free press. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Sincerely,

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